through its CAD/CAM centres, Tool Rooms, Product-cum-Process Development Centres, Technology Resource Centres, Sub Contracting Exchanges, National level Entrepreneurship Training Institutes, training one-commerce and the Small Enterprises Information and Resource Centre Network (SENET) programme, which includes a comprehensive knowledge portal for SSIs.

Uniform sugarcane price

*267. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not having uniform sugarcane price all over the country as sugarcane itself is a major cost input in manufacturing sugar; and

(b) if not, the administrative difficulties in doing so?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, the Central Government fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for each sugar season (October—September) payable by the sugar factories to the sugarcane growers. The basic SMP linked to 8.5% recovery is uniform. For every 0.1% point increase in recovery above 8.5%, the rate of premium is also uniform. However, the SMP payable by the sugar factories varies from factory to factory depending upon the recovery level.

FBI Director's Delhi Visit

*268. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the Home Minister's US visit, the Director Investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigations of the US, Mr. Robert S. Mueller visited New Delhi;

(b) if so, the purpose of the visit and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the nature and extent of cooperation to fight terrorism expected to be extended by the FBI?